

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Out of the total length of about 7,300 kms of North-South and East-West Corridors, about 630 kms of National Highway are already four-laned. Four/Six laning of 20 sections of National Highways, totalling to a length of about 272 kms, is in progress. Prioritisation studies for other sections are at various stages of preparation.

(b) The expenditure on North-South & East-West Corridors was Rs. 122.45 crores during the year 1999-2000. A budget provision of Rs. 430 crores has been made for the year 2000-2001 for these corridors. It is too early to indicate allocation for the year 2001-2002.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Improvement of Jaleswar-Chandaneshwar Road

272. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the fund sanctioned and released by the Central Government so far for construction and improvement of State Road from Jaleswar in Orissa to Chandaneswar (West Bengal border); and

(b) the details of the progress of the project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) This Ministry is responsible for development of National Highways. The State road from Jaleswar in Orissa to Chandaneswar (West Bengal border) is outside the purview of this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

National Highways in Orissa

273. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total length and number of roads taken over by Government in Orissa as National Highway is much less in comparison to other neighbouring States;

(b) the details of total length and number of roads taken over by Government as National Highways in Orissa till date, year-wise; and

(c) the money allocated for the construction and maintenance for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) National Highways are intended to serve national interest as distinct from local interests and roads in different states are declared as national highways keeping in view the country as a whole and not on any regional area, population or state basis.

(b) The details of National Highways in Orissa as on date is as under:—

Year	NH. No	Kms.
As on 15.8.1947	5,6,42 & 43	1363
1969-1974 (4th Plan)	5A & 23	286
1997-1998	60	57
1998-1999	200, 201 & 203	809
1999-2000	215	348

(c) The details are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)					
Year	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Development	1300.00	1750.00	2600.00	4000.00	3850.00
Maintenance	1447.83	1981.73	2522.00	2761.15	3622.24
					2016.00
					(SRP)

Guidelines for maintenance of National Highways

†274. **SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of highways of the country which are in bad condition and the guidelines issued by the Government to improve the condition of the roads;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.